

Worthy of Confidence.

Monday was the annual election of the Farmers & Merchant's Bank. The Stockholders were so well pleased with the work of the directors that all were re-elected as follows:

W. R. Yates, F. H. Hagan, W. R. P. Jackson, John Shearman, W. M. Carrico, Dr. J. B. Curley, J. H. Robinson, T. M. Boulware, W. W. Longmire.

At the meeting of the directors the following were elected officers of the board:

W. R. Yates, Pres; F. H. Hagan, Vice Pres; W. W. Longmire, Secy.; W. R. P. Jackson, Cashier; Elbert Yates and W. M. Patterson, Assistant Cashiers; Norvin Yates, Bookkeeper. A semi-annual dividend of 8 per cent has been declared and \$15000 placed to the surplus.

This is an institution of which Monroe City is proved and it has the confidence of the people as is attested by the big business which it does. Why should it not be so as it is a good strong bank, under the management of men who have proven themselves capable and worthy of the confidence of the people.

The Mad Rush for Happiness.

There are still thousands of men living who can remember when there were no telephones, no telegraphs, no wireless communications, and many thousands more who came upon the stage of existence when there were no automobiles, no sewing machines, no electric lights or power plants, no harvesters, no mowing machines, no grain separators, no washing machines, no steam heating of great buildings, no elevators, no flying machines. If asked how much the sum of human happiness has been increased by these inventions some of these old men will declare that it has not increased at all, that, in fact, the people are not so happy as they were when they lived the more simple life.

They will say that the life in the log cabin with its fireplace was a happier life and a more healthful one than can now be found in the steam heated flat, and that they got more enjoyment from the country dance, the shooting match, the foot race, the great camp meeting in the woods, than can possibly be obtained in the theater, the fashionable church, or in attending the great games that attract the people in these days.

Is it because these old men live in the past, instead of looking to the future, that they hold such opinions, or is it true that the mad rush of modern life for happiness produces less happiness than was enjoyed by our fathers? Is happiness always to be "pursued" and never overtaken, or is there a time coming when mankind will really be happy?—St. Joe Observer.

A. F. & A. M.

Regular communicative of Monroe Lodge No. 64 tomorrow, Friday, evening. Officers for the ensuing year are to be installed. All Master Masons are cordially invited to be present.

Prepared For the Work.

I have sold a half interest in my blacksmithing business to Frank Jansen and we will now be prepared to do all kinds of new work as well as repairing. Have us shoe your horses. W. L. GREEN.

Judge W. T. Ragland opened his first term of court at Hannibal Monday. Judge Ragland is one of the best posted lawyers in the State and will make a Judge of whom all the people will be proud.

Mrs. J. D. Webber of Hunnewell, who has been the guest of relatives in Monroe, is spending a few days in Hannibal.

The Citizen's Prohibition League Monroe City, Mo., Constitution.

Article 1, Name This organization shall be known as "The Citizen's Prohibition League."

Article 2, Object The object of this league is set forth in the following Preamble and agreement: Inasmuch as the legalized liquor traffic is the greatest evil existing in our land, and is the dominant issue before the American people, corrupting the body politic and threatening the perpetuity of our government. We the undersigned, hereby agree that we will not support any candidate or organization that does not openly declare against the legalized liquor traffic and in favor of Prohibition, both local and state-wide.

Article 3, Membership The membership of this organization shall be composed of two classes. First, All persons of voting age, who subscribe to the foregoing agreement, Second, Boys and young men between the ages of 16 and 21 who may wish to join the movement.

Article 4, Officers The officers shall be, a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected annually, the first regular meeting after each New Year.

Article 5, Duties of Officers The president shall preside at all business meetings of the League, and shall have power to call special meetings whenever in his judgment it becomes necessary. In the absence of the president the vice presidents shall preside at the business meetings of the League. The secretary shall keep a record of all the League's proceedings, and shall conduct its correspondence. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to the League and account for them at each regular business meeting.

Article 6, Revenue The income of the League shall be derived from such voluntary sources as may from time to time be agreed upon.

By-Laws.

1. The League shall meet the first Monday night in each month at such places as may be agreed upon.

2. The Vice-Presidents shall have charge of the canvass for new members, and at each regular meeting shall announce the names secured.

3. A total of 5 shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

4. Any person violating the conditions of the pledge shall, at the discretion of the League, be dropped from its membership.

5. The order of business at each regular meeting shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
3. Reports of officers.
4. Miscellaneous business.

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A Real Embroidery Sale.

This sale is the beginning of a series of sales which will give the buying public of this locality the greatest bargain opportunities they ever had.

This is not the ordinary sale as you are used to, but something special. Therefore we invite everyone within a day's ride of our store to come and join in the GREAT BARGAIN FEAST. Tell your friends and neighbors. These embroideries are all widths up to 18 inches wide,

Only 10c per yard.

Don't construe these with old shop-worn goods—all are 1911 patterns.

Sale begins Friday at 10 o'clock.

Ladies wishing muslin underwear should wait for our line, which will be here in a few days.

Yours for Business,

Yates & Shearman.

Paragraphs on the Hobble Skirt

Those members of the feminine sex who desire to be dressed up to the limit of fashion must wear the hobble skirt. There is no question about its being the limit.

You cannot be in the swim without a hobble skirt and with one you can't swim.

Take a tumble to yourself, and get a hobble skirt—or get the skirt and then tumble the latter is more certain.

Wearing a hobble skirt will make the sweetest girl resemble the stopper to a vinegar cruet.

Woman has a kick coming! on the hobble skirt—but that kind of exercise is impossible while wearing one.

The hobble skirt has one redeeming feature—it is not affected by draught on a stormy day and there are many stormy days when hubby is raising the wind to pay for one.

The hobble skirt craze is getting there by leaps and bounds—there is no other way for it to get there.

If a hubby should attempt to fetter his wife the way she does herself with one of those hobble contraptions, the wedding license wouldn't be worth the paper it is written on.

A woman will not stray far from the beaten path if she wears a "hobble."

Weddings have increased since the "hobble" came into vogue. It is easier to catch the girls.

Women who wear the "hobble" are developing the lock step—and it appears to a man as if they ought to be put where that is the only step taught.

From the waist down a woman wearing a "hobble" looks like an inverted electric light globe—and some of 'em are dazzling.

Get your wife a hobble skirt and you need have no fear of her running away with an affinity.

If female politicians wear hobble skirts there will be no danger of their stranding an issue.—Ex.

Nellie, Aged Seventeen.

Because little things are sometimes really the most significant we wish to and in giving publicity to the act of a man who lives in Chicago and who has made arrangements by which a brother, who lives in one of the suburbs of St. Louis, shall take care of an old horse.

Dr. S. T. Felmlee of Chicago bought Nellie, a colt, fourteen years ago, and for fourteen years she has carried him to heal the sick, and home again, and has learned to look for him at all hours of the day, and to feel we have no doubt, a real share in his usefulness, and it is even possible, some faint glimmering of his important missions.

At any rate we are sure she served him faithfully and well, for otherwise he would not have entertained for her the true regard he has manifested.

In due course of time, Nellie became too old to share her master's responsibilities. She attained the venerable age of 17 and a plan for her retirement was considered.

Now Dr. Felmlee has entered into a contract with his brother, George W. Felmlee of Clayton, by which Nellie is to be cared for until her death.

She is not to be abused or mistreated or sold or loaned or rented to any one, and is to be driven by no one but the brother—a provision which speaks much for the confidence which the Clayton man enjoys in the mind of the Chicago physician.

We wonder how any one can see that there is anything more than simple justice and true gratitude in this plan of Dr. Felmlee's.

"You served me faithfully while your strength lasted," he seems to have said, "and now I will see that no harm overtakes you in your weakness."

There are many men with the same proper principles that Dr. Felmlee has manifested, but such

cases are not so plentiful that they should be overlooked. St. Louis Times.

The school boy should really learn the lesson that the ripest, biggest cherries are at the top and that nine out of ten of his fellows will be crowding for places to pick around the base of the tree where the small, wormy fruit grows. There is plenty of room at the top; there are plenty of cherries growing there. The luscious fruit is ready for the picking; and ever smiles a welcome to the hustler to climb up and obtain possession. The best things in life require considerable effort to get, and that's why the strongest men and women have them. Ex.

The Journey.

A little work, a little sweating, a few brief, flying years; a little joy, a little fretting, some smiles and then some tears; a little resting in the shadows, a struggle to the height, a futile search for El Dorado, and then we say Good Night. Some moiling, in the strife and clangor, some years of doubt, and debt, some words we spoke in foolish anger that we would, fain forget; some cherry words, we said unthinking, that made sad heart light; the banquet with its feast and drinking—and then we say Good Night. Some questioning of creeds and theories and judgement of the dead, while God, who never sleeps or wearies, is watching overhead; some little laughing and sighing, some sorrows, some delight; a little music for the dying, and then we say Good Night.—Walt Mason.

Mrs. C. I. Vaughn and Miss Ruth McAtee, of Hunnewell were Monroe visitors Monday.

S. T. Pollard made a business trip to Paris Tuesday.

L. H. Dodd was here from Macon Tuesday with friends.

M. S. Nesbitt and wife are quite proud of the young man who arrived at their home Saturday.

L. M. Wood and wife spent Sunday with his people at Lentner.